THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) In its winter schedule effective November, 1992, Indian Airlines has plans to introduce a thrice weekly B-737 service on Bombay-Aurangabad-Bhopal-Khajuraho and return route.

(d) Does not arise.

Mechanism to prevent brokers from using Forged Bankers Receipts

*299. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the mechanism to look into the unscrupulous and overgreedy brokers who have been using fake or forged Banker's Receipt (BR) to dupe the banks; and

(b) what is the number/amounts involevd of fake BRs by which huge amounts of money changed hands and public funds were siphoned off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) RBI has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Janakiraman, Dy. Governor, Reserve Bank of Bank of India. The terms of reference of this Committee includes enquiry into the systems and procedures for issue of BRs.

(b) While the Committee has not specified the amount involved due to fake BRs separately, it has, in its second interim report estimated the problem exposure, against BRs/SGL transfer forms issued by Bank of Karad and Metropolitan Cooperative Bank, for which these banks do not appear to have sufficient backing, at Rs. 1470.12 crores.

Unsatisfactory working of Telephones at Madurai

*300. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone connections working in Madurai city of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of exchanges and their levels which are working to meet the demands of the telephone subscribers at Madurai;

(c) whether the Department of Telecommunications is receiving many complaints regarding unsatisfactory working of phones at Madurai;

(d) if so, the nature of the complaints and the remedial measures contemplated by the department; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to have an Electronic Exchange at Madurai, if so, by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of telephone connections working at Madurai is 21,123.

(b) There are four exchanges working at Madurai with levels 2, 3, 4 and 8.

(c) On an average 130 written complaints per month are received against 24,928 stations.

(d) The complaints are of general nature relating to non-working of telephones and wrong numbers. On receipt of complaints, external and internal equipments are tested thoroughly and faults rectified.

(e) Yes, Sir. 5000 lines E 10 B electronic exchange for Ellisnagar and a 2000 lines Remote Line Unit for